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Subject: FW: MEDIA INQUIRY - WV Gazette-Mail -: ELG Rule Compliance Questions

FYI,.. That clarifies everything.

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Subject: RE: MEDIA INQUIRY - WV Gazette-Mail -: ELG Rule Compliance Questions

Mark - I know there's been some discussion about this request, so I'm hoping you already have the information needed. But to recap - ELG work is being lead by HQ Office of Water, and the CCR work is also being lead by HQ (OLEM is the lead in coordination with OECA). Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Thanks,
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Carol, is this something you can help address?

~Mark

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I'm not sure if this would be enforcement or air. Or perhaps OECA, or WVDEP (at least for the first two) or some combination thereof.

Thoughts?

David

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Hope you're doing well. I'm working on a story on the Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power electric utilities requesting that the West Virginia Public Service Commission reopen a case in which they're seeking approval for implementation of and cost recovery for compliance with the EPA's coal combustion residual and effluent limitation guidelines at three different in-state coal-fired power plants. I have the following questions that I was hoping you could provide responses for by my deadline of 3:30 p.m. today. Thank you very much regardless.

1. The utilities say that there is an Oct. 13 deadline for them to notify the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection whether they intend to retire the plants to comply with the ELG rule. Is that true, and if so, can that deadline be extended?
2. If the Companies later decide not to complete ELG compliance improvements for some units, will they be required to cease coal operations at those units by each unit's ELG compliance deadline (June 30, 2023 for Mitchell, Dec. 31, 2022 for Amos and June 1, 2022 for Mountaineer)?
3. Is it true, as the utilities report, that the EPA has tolled an April 11, 2021 deadline date to begin closing bottom ash ponds at the three coal-fired power plants (the Amos, Mitchell and Mountaineer facilities) pending its decision on the extension requests and has not issued a decision regarding their requests to extend the CCR rule deadline? (pages 20 and 21 here)

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